

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
December 2010**

General Government

Thomas Ford, Planner/Community Development Director
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk
Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director
Kerry Leichtman, Assessor

Culture and Recreation

Susan Dates, Rental Agent, Rockport Opera House
Molly Larson, Librarian

Public Safety

Stephen Beveridge, Public Works Director
Craig Cooley, EMA Director
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master
Bruce Woodward, Fire Chief

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Permits

Miscellaneous Permits: Fifteen permits were issued in December 2010. The figure included 10 building permits, demolition, signs, and use permits. Ten permits were issued in December 2009.

Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits: Two internal plumbing permits and one subsurface wastewater disposal permits were issued in December 2010. Two internal plumbing permits and two subsurface wastewater permits were issued in December 2009.

Boards & Committees

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in December 2010 for a pre-application meeting for a four lot minor subdivision (Maple Grove) for Pamela and Jason Spear on Park Street. The Planning Board met in December 2009 to review a change of use from residential to commercial (professional office) for JBC Corporation at 60 Commercial Street.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in December 2010 or December 2009.

Harbor Committee: In December 2010 the Harbor Committee discussed marine & storage fees. In 2009 the Harbor Committee discussed designated anchorage, harbor fees, and finger floats.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Commission met in December 2010 to discuss the agenda and goals for a Clam Cove workshop, water quality issues in the harbor and tributary streams; the future direction of RES meetings and the future of commercial wind energy turbines in the Camden Hills.

Ordinance Review Committee: The Ordinance Review Committee began the winter semester on January 4, 2011. The Committee began reviewing Section 801.6 – Nuisance and Section

Projects

Lime Kilns Grant: Work was completed on the Lime Kiln Restoration Planning Grant.

SHIP Grant – Harbor Floats: Tom Ford and Abbie Leonard are working with a representative of MDOT and Gartley and Dorsky to complete design stage of the harbor float project.

Rockport Elementary School Committee: The Planning Office is working on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that will be posted on the web and distributed to a broad cross section of the community. The RFQ will be broadly structured to solicit the widest possible variety of responses.

Energy Audit Grant: The successful applicant was the Turner Building Science and Design of Harrison Maine. The applicant is working with department heads to analyze energy use in municipal building. The report should be completed in early January.

*Applications, permits, and supporting documentation are available
for public review at the Planning and Community Development Office*

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT
DECEMBER 2010**

- We issued 0 (1) Hunting License, 0 (0) Junior Hunting License, 20 (18) Hunting & Fishing Licenses, 0 (0) Complimentary Hunting & Fishing License, 0 (1) Coyote Night Hunting Licenses, 3 (14) Muzzleload Licenses, 0 (0) Complimentary Muzzleload License, 13 (12) Fishing Licenses, and 0 (1) Migratory Waterfowl Hunt. Fees collected totaled \$1,204.00 (\$1,249.25).
- 2 (1) Boat Registrations, 33(23) Snowmobiles and 2 (0) ATV Registration and 0 (1) Milfoil Sticker (Preserve Maine Waters) were issued. Fees collected were \$1,550.00 (\$1,369.00) which included \$100.00 (\$415.00) sales tax. Harbor fees collected this month for excise tax, commercial float, merchandise, private float and waiting list was \$591.50
- We issued 92 (61) dog licenses this month at a fee of \$311.00 (\$193.00). Don't forget to license your dog for 2011. There will be a \$25.00 late fee as of February 1, 2010.
- We processed 11 (5) transfers, 163 (140) passenger cars, 27 (27) commercial vehicles, 4 (0) trailer, 0(6) antique, 2 (0) motor home, 2 (0) duplicate stickers and 2 (1) duplicate registrations. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$41,135.90 (\$44,257.94). This is down 7.05% from last year's number.
- We processed 148,632.74 (\$147,364.54) in real estate taxes this month.
- I attended and took minutes for a Select Board meeting.
- Happy New Year to all!

*The first number represents 2010 and the second one in parenthesis 2009.

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - December 2010

The finance department is responsible for the administrative and accounting work necessary to maintain the town's finances. Work involves maintaining the chart of accounts, preparing monthly financial reports, preparing payrolls (including all required state and federal payroll reports and taxes), preparing accounts payable warrants, reconciling bank statements, preparing insurance renewals, and submitting claims (auto, property and casualty, workers compensation claims), and a number of other bookkeeping requirements. Annually, the finance director assists the town manager in the preparation of the town's budget.

The report for the month of December 2010 includes the following:

- Investments increased during the month of December from the previous month by 0.82%.
- Interest earned on general funds remained at the low rate of 0.20%. The interest rate earned as far back as January 2009 was also 0.20%. The interest rate has remained unchanged for 24 months.
- Taxes paid to date represents 50.86% of taxes committed for FY 10-11.

	Previous Month November 2010	Current Month December 2010	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago December 2009	Difference	% Change
Budget							
Wages	\$ 98,783.24	\$ 156,685.64	\$ 57,902.40	58.62%	\$ 163,779.15	\$ (7,093.51)	-4.33%
Other Expenses	\$ 944,863.60	\$ 823,801.18	\$ (121,062.42)	-12.81%	\$ 830,850.77	\$ (7,049.59)	-0.85%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,043,646.84	\$ 980,486.82	\$ (63,160.02)	-6.05%	\$ 994,629.92	\$ (14,143.10)	-1.42%
Total Revenue	\$ 380,644.95	\$ 298,726.93	\$ (81,918.02)	-21.52%	\$ 291,993.28	\$ 6,733.65	2.31%
NET	\$ (663,001.89)	\$ (681,759.89)	\$ (18,758.00)	2.83%	\$ (702,636.64)	\$ 20,876.75	2.97%
Cash on Hand Balance							
General Fund	\$ 2,660,457.10	\$ 1,978,697.21	\$ (681,759.89)	-25.63%	\$ 1,661,365.59	\$ 317,331.62	19.10%
Taxes Paid (for the month)	\$ 249,291.44	\$ 129,123.45	\$ (120,167.99)	-48.20%	\$ 134,050.54	\$ (4,927.09)	-3.68%
Taxes Paid (to date)	\$ 5,737,376.33	\$ 5,866,499.78	\$ 129,123.45	2.25%	\$ 5,606,289.61	\$ 260,210.17	4.64%
Investments							
Public Assistance	\$ 296,148.98	\$ 298,583.03	\$ 2,434.05	0.82%	\$ 275,077.38	\$ 23,505.65	8.55%
Cemeteries	\$ 366,037.14	\$ 369,045.59	\$ 3,008.45	0.82%	\$ 342,388.06	\$ 26,657.53	7.79%
Wastewater	\$ 155,275.97	\$ 156,552.18	\$ 1,276.21	0.82%	\$ 144,227.77	\$ 12,324.41	8.55%
Total Investments	\$ 817,462.09	\$ 824,180.80	\$ 6,718.71	0.82%	\$ 761,693.21	\$ 62,487.59	8.20%
Wastewater							
Expenses	\$ 188,835.64	\$ 57,132.08	\$ (131,703.56)	-69.75%	\$ 60,303.94	\$ (3,171.86)	-5.26%
Revenue	\$ 172,753.90	\$ 23,205.57	\$ (149,548.33)	-86.57%	\$ 38,473.23	\$ (15,267.66)	-39.68%
NET	\$ 16,081.74	\$ 33,926.51	\$ 17,844.77	110.96%	\$ 21,830.71	\$ 12,095.80	55.41%
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
WW General Fund	\$ 271,478.37	\$ 305,404.88	\$ 33,926.51	12.50%	\$ 258,875.83	\$ 12,095.80	17.97%
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,129.17			\$ 100,000.00		
Total Cash	\$ 371,478.37	\$ 405,534.05	\$ 34,055.68	9.17%	\$ 358,875.83	\$ (12,095.80)	13.00%
WW Accounts Receivable							
30 Day	60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days				
\$ 32,735.63	\$ 5,663.89	\$ 9,922.97	\$ 11,877.07				
TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable December 2010					\$ 60,199.56	4.02%	
Accounts Receivable December 2009					\$ 57,875.51		

December 2010
Department Head Report
Kerry Leichtman
Assessor

Information Requests: Received requests from various lawyers and appraisers looking for valuation information on properties.

Received information requests from residents with various valuation and other assessing related questions.

One person came in with “comps” given to her by a real estate broker who told her her neighbors were paying less taxes than she and she wanted to know why. The woman lives on Sea Light Lane. I conducted the research with her in my office, pulling prop record cards for all of her neighbors. Her property was one of the lowest valued properties in the area – in other words she was paying less than her neighbors, not the other way around. The comps she brought with her were not even close to being comparable. I showed her why. She left my office unconvinced.

Another person, from South Carolina, owns land on Alpine Way and called to say she thought her land is overvalued compared to similar parcels. I visited the land, studied the subdivision map and then the valuations of neighboring parcels, and determined that her parcel’s value is in line with similar land tracts.

Abatements/Supplementals: Issued three abatements: one for a woman whose home has a lot of water and mold damage; and another for the property formerly known as the Spruce Ridge Inn, now called Village at Rockport. Renovations to the Inn by its previous owner was shabbily performed using low-grade materials. In addition, water damage to the property was extensive with mold everywhere. The third abatement negated one of the supplemental tax bills issued last month. The former resident sent proof that the information received previously (upon which the supplemental was based) was incorrect.

Issued three Supplemental Tax bills for a business who did not file a complete listings of personal property items, which came to light when they filed a BETR.

BETR: Filled out BETR returns (801s) for seven businesses and calculated their reimbursements.

Board of Assessment Review (BAR): Received an application for a hearing with the Board of Assessment Review asking them to overturn my denial of an abatement request. B.A.R. chairman set a hearing date of January 25, 2011.

Training: Attended a MMA workshop on Personal Practices.

E-911 Addressing: Approved Map/Lot designations for Maple Grove Subdivision. Also had an interesting request from a Harmony Lane homeowner that’s too complex to reiterate here, but it led to my deciding to visit Knox County Dispatch to get an idea of how the system works from their end. It was extremely informative – much moreso than I imagined – and I left the building with a clear understanding of the system and how little flexibility there is in issuing street numbers. It has informed my E-911 decision making more than I would have imagined.

Administrative Clerk: Reviewed the 21 applications received for the position with Ginny. Invited seven in for interviews, created interview questions and a test with Ginny, called references for candidates who we then asked in for a second interview round.

Inspections: Inspected two newly-finished dwellings at Eastward with Scott. Inspected home of a resident whose home has extensive water damage. Inspected Village at Rockport condominiums.

TIFs: Reviewed Downtown TIF files, met with Bob P. and Bill Chapman to discuss CAV projections.

Additional Projects: Did some reading on MPMP, trying to get up to speed on that. Continued dialog and research relative to harbor residents looking into Open Space program for tax relief.

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**
DATE: **December 2010**

During the month of December FF Film Co. rented the auditorium and meeting room for a short film production Studio Red held a rehearsal and a performance. BCC used the building for their annual Odeon concert and 2 rehearsals.

Revenue for December was \$2,162.50. The Opera House was used for at least one event on 12 of the 31 days.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board and the Planning Board. The Zoning Board meeting was canceled. The Rockport Garden Club held their annual Holly Berry Fair and their Christmas Party in the meeting room. The Fair is a major income producer for the Garden Club and allows them to plant flowers and do projects for the Town.

Maintenance this month included putting on new weather stripping on the meeting room outside doors, moving chairs and putting them back in the meeting room, moving chairs and putting them back in the auditorium, and general cleanup before and after events.

Last year BCC rented for Odeon rehearsals on Mondays and Tuesdays and the Odeon concert, held their annual Board meeting with a short concert, and music lessons in the meeting room. The Garden Club held the annual Holly Berry Fair, including setup, and their Christmas Party. Revenue for the month of December was \$310.00 and the building was used 13 of the 31 days-all during the first 2 weeks. Maintenance included using the lift to move spot lights in the auditorium, work on the furnace with the placement of a relay switch for better control of the heated front steps, and cleanup of the building by Sue. This was due to the unfortunate accident of custodian, Patrick's, son. Randy was hired from the Waste Water Dept. to help out.

Rockport Public Library Director's Report

December 2010

Circulation	Children / YA	Adults	Total	% Change
December 2010	1621	*3590	5211	+ 4.2 %
December 2009	1317	3684	5001	

**includes 59 honor system books.*

Attendance	Children / YA**	Adults	Total	% Change
December 2010	280/87	1798	2165	- 0.9 %
December 2009	235	1950	2185	

***Now counting Young Adults per Maine State Library Annual Report (previously combined with children).*

Interlibrary Loan	December 2010	December 2009	% Change
Incoming	502	479	+ 4.8 %
Outgoing	347	317	+ 9.5 %

Computer Usage	December 2010	December 2009	% Change
	286	250	+ 14.4 %

Reference	December 2010	December 2009	% Change
	278	275	+ 1.1 %

Technology Classes	December 2010	December 2009	% Change
	1	<i>Not counted previously</i>	n/a

Programs	Program type	No. of Programs	Participants
	Adult	16	187
	Child	11	Adults 65 Children 160
	Total	27	Total 225 (187+225) = 412

Volunteers

- Volunteers gave **99.5 hours** of support in December. This does not take into account the numerous hours related to the book sale.

Desk Income, Gifts, Grants, or Donations: \$4,813.56 in desk income in December.

Activities and programs:

412 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in December:

- After-School Reading program for school-aged kids every Wednesday with Liza Walsh (children must be pre-registered).
- Weekly community outreach to area organizations with Liza Walsh
- Monthly Large Print Book exchange with Jane Babbitt
- Monthly book group with Jenni Ruddy
- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group with Paul Charbonneau
- Weekly story time for babies and toddlers with Liza Walsh
- Drop-in Mah Jongg group on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays
- BookLovers' Café with Iris Eichenlaub
- Holiday piano recital with Mary Bevan and her students with over 73 people in attendance at the library.
- Monthly Afternoon at the Movies for Kids made possible by a gift from the *Cascade Foundation*
- Camden Conference talk on Mount Everest with climber Manuel Pizarro
- Book signing and talk with author Pat Egan
- Book signing and talk with author Jeff Foltz
- Volunteer appreciation breakfast meeting with in-house library volunteers

Respectfully submitted on January 6, 2011
Molly Larson, Library Director

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Steve Beveridge, Director **Public Works** Department
RE: **Department Head Report**
DATE: **December 2010**

1. Worked on: '99 F550; check the Oshkosh; put on all sanders, plows, and wings; finished studding tires for winter service; serviced the loader; '08 F350 wheel studs; '04 #2 F550 backup alarm repaired; '04 #1 F550 brakes; sanders – '08 F350 and others; worked on chain saws; '09 F550 plow shoes
2. Had a ladder built for the sander on the '10 Freightliner;
3. Town Office: 2 men put together the desk for the new clerk position; cut the Christmas tree, put it up, and put Christmas lights on it (done twice because the lights only ½ lit the first time);
4. Library: sanded/salted walks as necessary; put out a bucket of sand & salt
5. Garage: cleaned the garage; worked on the waste oil furnace
6. Meetings: Bill Chapman, Tracey Murphy, Tom Ford, Select Board meeting, and various home owner meetings.
7. RES East- plowed; checked the building for open doors and windows – any found open were closed and locked. We have had a problem with children roaming around the building.
8. Parks & Rec Field:
9. Had the first major storm on Dec. 8 – plowed, sanded, and salted several times. We have hired David Leighton to do Gene's route. Gene retired in September. We hope to have a retirement party for him in January.
10. Plowed, sanded and/or salted at least 7 days – other than the major storms.
11. 8 salt deliveries
12. Called most of crew in to ready extra trucks for a predicted large snow storm on Dec. 27. Crew worked for more than 40 hours straight.
13. Cold patched
14. Fixed Hope St. turn around
15. Picked up barrels of oil for the waste oil furnace
16. Hung wreaths on the bridge
17. Did road patrol the 2nd of Dec. and picked up 19 loads of mulch from MCSWC
18. Put up & trimmed with lights the Christmas trees on the Village Green, Goodridge Park, and at the Town Office. Had to do the Town Office tree 2 times, as ½ of the lights didn't work the first time.
19. Pulled the finger floats and put them up for the winter
20. Cleaned catch basins of snow and debris
21. Assisted in many aspects for the drainage in the Benson septic project
22. Picked up road trash
23. Drains cleaned on Main Street
24. Cut brush on Main St. – 3 days – 3000 feet – hauled to MCSWC; brush cut on several other days around town
25. Moved large rocks from Patty's Circle to owner's yard.

Man hours available this month – 1,730/ this includes 485 storm hours; Approximate man hours on the above projects – 1177- this does not include the storms and some associated work.
This does not include the small extra projects, errands, and twice a week trash removal.

Last year we had 1,488.5 hours available with 390.5 for storms. We had 6 trucks inspected, worked on plows, chain saws, the Oshkosh, backhoe, '07 Freightliner, '01 Freightliner wing repaired, and both of the '04 F550's . 3 Christmas trees were cut, put up, and lights put on them; at the library we moved furniture and closed a window that was leaking air (advised Molly how to stop the leak); picked up the garage and readied for winter; attended several meetings; kept RES plowed; placed wreaths on the bridge; chased leaves and cleaned catch basins a couple of times before the snows began; fixed small washouts; changed cutting edges on several plows; fixed a runoff problem on Beech Hill; worked on Beal St. runoff problem; picked up waste oil; cold patched; moved hemlock logs; and readied all plus extras, including sanders and plows for storms expected over New Year's weekend. We had several storms, including over New Year's weekend with much cleaning up and spot sanding to do and 5 salt deliveries, 1 delivery of 2 pallets of calcium chloride flakes.



Town of Rockport

Department Head Report

DECEMBER, 2010

Nothing of much significance to report this month.

**Craig Cooley
EMA Director**

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER, 2010

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	05
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	05	15
203/Wes Butler	10	08
204/Dana Smith	20	18
205/Dan Brown	0	03
211/ C. Cooley	10	08
213/ Jim Butler	0	10

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	7,760	522.2	14.8

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Rockport Police Department
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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	4
Administrative	8
Agency Assistance	13
Alarm	28
Animal Problem	3
Assault	1
Sexual Assault	1
Attempt to Locate	1
Violation of Bail Conditions	2
Car/Vehicle Fire	1
Car/Deer 10-55	5
Check In Per Court Order	1
Citizen Assist	7
Civil Problem	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Detail Assignment	3
Disorderly Conduct	6
Domestic	3
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	17
Harassment	2
Hit and Run 10-55	2
Information Report	18
Intoxicated Person	2
Juvenile Problem	4
Lost Property	2
Mental Health Issue	6
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	2
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	4
Parking Problem	14
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	17
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	1
Probation/Bail Check	1
Property Check	20
Public Works Referral	8
Radar Detail	11
Stalking	1
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	7
Theft	4
Theft - Automobile	2
Threatening	2
Traffic Hazard	14
Traffic Violation	25
Traffic Stop	9
Trespassing	1
Unconscious Person	1
Unsecure Premise	3
Utility Problem	2
Vehicle off roadway no damage	14
Vehicle Maintenance	3
Wanted Person	2
Well-Being Chck	4

Total Incidents for This Report: 320

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Rockport Police Department
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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	7
01:00-01:59	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	7
02:00-02:59	0	2	1	2	3	3	0	11
03:00-03:59	1	0	2	2	3	1	0	9
04:00-04:59	0	2	3	5	2	2	0	14
05:00-05:59	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	8
06:00-06:59	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	9
07:00-07:59	2	5	1	0	3	1	2	14
08:00-08:59	3	3	0	5	3	4	0	18
09:00-09:59	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	13
10:00-10:59	3	1	0	1	2	1	4	12
11:00-11:59	0	4	1	3	3	1	2	14
12:00-12:59	7	1	0	3	3	3	2	19
13:00-13:59	4	2	0	2	2	3	1	14
14:00-14:59	5	6	3	5	5	2	2	28
15:00-15:59	1	6	4	3	0	2	4	20
16:00-16:59	3	4	4	2	3	2	2	20
17:00-17:59	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	15
18:00-18:59	6	0	0	2	1	2	3	14
19:00-19:59	0	0	3	1	5	2	1	12
20:00-20:59	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
21:00-21:59	1	0	5	3	5	2	2	18
22:00-22:59	0	0	1	4	0	2	0	7
23:00-23:59	2	1	4	1	2	2	1	13
Total by Day	51	45	45	53	52	40	34	320

Report Includes:

- All dates between `00:00:01 12/01/10` and `23:59:59 12/31/10`
- All agencies matching `0704`
- All offenses observed
- All offenses reported
- All offense codes
- All nature of incidents
- All location codes

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Harbormaster Report December 2010

There will be a spaghetti supper to benefit the family of Daniel Dodge II who was killed in an accident in November. Daniel and his father Daniel Dodge I both have fished out of Rockport. The supper and live auction will be held at the Hope Elementary school at 5pm Sunday, January 23rd. For more information or to make a donation please call Kim at 930-0468

The goings on at and around the harbor in December:

- Strung up lights and a wreath (thanks to Rockport Garden Club and Bruce Woodward for hanging it) on the Harbormaster building for the holidays.
- Santa made his annual appearance by Lobster boat to Rockport Marine over Christmas by the Sea weekend. Mark Haskell was on hand for photos at one point there was a line up the hill of kids and parents waiting to see Santa.
- Went over the current billing information and input the needed numbers to get the billing out the first week of January.
- Presented changes to the harbor billing policy to the Select Board. Thanks to Bob Peabody for presenting them in my absence. In addition to the fee change for winter storage the Select Board also voted to approve a change to the billing policy. The due date for the bills has changed from March 31st to May 1st. If bills are not paid in full by the close of business on May 1st there will be a \$50.00 late penalty. If the bill remains unpaid after close of business on June 1st an additional \$50 will be accrued. If payment is not received in full (late penalties included) by the close of business on July 1st then I have discretionary authority to remove the tackle (at the owner's expense) and re-issue the mooring location or tie-off to the next person on the wait list. This will help management of the mooring field and get the wait list moving and I will not waste time chasing payment.
- Wrote a letter to mooring holders noting the changes and highlighted some of the ordinance points that I will be continuing to enforce next season.
- Have been communicating with Pam Parker regarding our application for a grant to help fund a Pump-out station. The application will be sent before I go on "vacation" in the hopes that if we receive funding for the project in the spring.
- Got an additional estimate from Justin Electric on the power work that needs to be done this spring at the harbor. I have priced out standard electrical receptacles and marine pedestals. My thinking is that if we put time and money into upgrading the electrical we should do just that, upgrade so that we won't have to go back and dig again in the next 20 years (fingers crossed).
- The SHIP Grant float project is moving along. Tom Ford was hoping to present the bid package to MDOT. However we have run into some engineering needs that are being addressed by Gartley and Dorsky.

I will present the year end review of the harbor in numbers in the Annual Report but I just want to thank everyone for helping out with another safe and successful summer in Rockport Harbor. I am looking forward to 2011.

BRUCE WOODWARD, FIRE CHIEF

On December 2, I did the annual hanging of the wreaths on town buildings and post offices. These wreaths and decorations were donated by the Rockport Garden Club.

I prepared the annual payroll for our firefighters and submitted it to the finance office.

On December 8, I took Engine 22 to Bangor Freightliner of Maine in Bangor for repairs. During the annual service test on 12/2 the coolant temperature would not go above 110 degrees. The problem was found to be the radiator thermostat. We also had a windshield wiper switch replaced and the truck was hooked to a computer to check the engine sensors.

On 12/22, I spoke to two combined chemistry classes at Camden Hills High School on fire safety and prevention. I used a collection of materials saved from fire scenes over the years that showed the causes of fires. Some of the causes discussed included electrical, grease fires, candles, spontaneous combustion and wood ashes.

The year 2010 closed with our response to 166 incidents. This compares to 201 incidents for 2008 and 138 in 2009. Below is a summary of the incidents for the years 2009 and 2010.

Report Period: 01/01/10-12/31/10

Comparables: 01/01/09-12/31/09

Calls by Incident Type	Percent of Total Calls 2009	Percent of Total Calls 2010	Total Incidents 2009	Total Incidents 2010
Building Fires	3.08%	4.55%	6	10
Vehicle Fires	1.54%	1.95%	2	3
Other Fires	1.54%	1.30%	3	2
Overpressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat	0.77%	0.65%	1	1
Emergency Medical Treatment	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
All Others	1.54%	0.00%	2	0
Hazardous Condition Calls	33.08%	33.77%	43	52
Service Calls	6.15%	3.90%	10	8
Good Intent Calls	11.54%	17.53%	17	32
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls	0%	0%	0	0
Special Incident Calls	0%	0%	0	0
Unknown Incident Type	0%	0%	0	0
Malicious Calls	0.77%	0.65%	1	1
Other False Calls	40.00%	35.71%	53	57
Total Calls	100%	100%	138	166
Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$31,700	\$11,150	\$31,700	\$11,150
Total Dollar Loss	\$31,700	\$11,150	\$31,700	\$11,150